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SUBJECT: LEBANESE PRESS ON QADHAFI IN EGYPT

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1. ANY ARTICLES WHICH FUAD MATTAR MAY HAVE WRITTEN ON QADHAFI'S VISIT NOT YET PUBLISHED. FOLLOWING HIGHLIGHTS FROM OTHER PAPERS MAY BE OF INTEREST TO DEPT AND ADDRESSEE POSTS.

2. EDITOR ALI BALLUT OF LEFTIST, PRO-IRAQI AD DUSTOUR (JULY 9) HAD LONG ARTICLE DATED CAIRO ON QADHAFI'S SUDDEN ARRIVAL IN EGYPT WITH FAMILY AND MUCH LUGGAGE. HE WAS REPORTEDLY SEEKING REFUGE IN EGYPT BECAUSE OF SPLIT WITHIN RCC OVER "CULTURAL REVOLUTION," LATEST IN SERIES OF DISAGREEMENTS WITH MODERATE RCC MEMBERS. QADHAFI HAD ALLEGEDLY WANTED COMPLETE AUTONOMY FOR "POPULAR COMMITTEES" AS THEY REPRESENT PEOPLE'S WILL, WHILE RCC FACTION LED BY ABD AL MUN'IM AL HONI AND MUSTAFA AL KHAROUBI DEMANDED RCC SUPREMACY. PRIMIN JALLOUD ATTEMPTED TO MEDIATE, BUT CRISIS CONTINUED SO QADHAFI WENT TO TRIPOLI RADION STATION TO APPEAL TO

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MASSSES.HE WAS INTERCEPTED AT STATION BY COLLEAGUES, WHO

PERSUADED HIM OF FUTILITY OF BROADCAST. QADHAFI THEN PRINTED LEAFLETS SUPPORTING PEOPLE'S COMMITTEES' AUTHORITY OVER THAT OF RCC, BUT ONLY A FEW WERE DISTRIBUTED BEFORE QADHAFI AGAIN DISSUADED. IN EGYPT, HE WENT DIRECTLY TO SADAT'S HOME, WHERE IN LONG CONFERENCE EGYPTIAN LEADER INDUCED HIM TO REMAIN WITH RCC. SADAT REPORTEDLY WANTS UNIFICATION OF SOCIAL SYSTEMS PRIOR TO MERGER, AND HAVING PREVIOUSLY RECEIVED FAVORABLE RESPONSE FROM PORTION OF RCC WISHES TO RETAIN IMAGE OF RCC UNITY WHILE CONVERTING QADHAFI.

3. LEFTIST, PRO-ALGERIAN AL BALAGH (JULY 9) OBSERVED THAT EGYPT WILLING TO HOLD REFERENDUM SEPT 1 ON LIBYAN-EGYPTIAN MERGER ISSUE, WITH DETAILS TO BE AGREED UPON LATER BY JOINT COMMITTEES. EGYPT REPORTEDLY LOOKING FOR ALTERNATE TO MERGER THAT NOT PREJUDICIAL TO CONTINUED GOOD RELATIONS BETWEEN THE TWO STATES. QADHAFI PRESSING FOR DETAILED, FIRM MERGER AGREEMENT, WITH "CULTURAL REVOLUTION" CONTINUING.

4. INDEPENDENT AN NAHAR ARAB REPORT (JULY 9) FINDS RECENT DEVELOPMENTS PORTENDING FAILURE OF EGYPTIAN-LIBYAN MERGER; ESPECIALLY OMINOUS IS GOE-PERMITTED PUBLICATION OF ARTICLES CRITICAL OF MERGER AND QADHAFI. ARTICLE NOTES EGYPTIAN RELUCTANCE TO ACCEPT RIGID INTERPRETATION OF ISLAMIC LAW AS SOCIETAL BASE, GIVEN MORE LIBERAL EGYPTIAN LIFE-STYLE AND COPTIC MINORITY. "CULTURAL REVOLUTION" NOT UNDERSTOOD BY EGYPTIANS AND EXCESSES OF PEOPLE'S COMMITTEES CONSIDERED HARBINGER OF ILL FOR EGYPT.

5. PFLP WEEKLY AL HADAF (JUNE 23) REPORTED ON CULTURAL REVOLUTION'S PERSECUTION OF PALESTINIANS IN BENGHAZI AND TRIPOLI FOR THEIR SUPPORT OF PFLP. ARBITRARY SEARCHES ARRESTS, AND HARASSMENT OF PALESTINIANS BY PEOPLE'S COMMITTEES AND GOL LIEUTENANT SALIM (PUBLIC SECURITY) CAUSING UNREST AMONG PALESTINIANS, ARREST TOTAL GIVEN AS 96 PALESTINIANS AND 140 LIBYANS, 30 OF WHOM ACCUSED OF COLLABORATION WITH PFLP. DECON UPON RECEIPT. BUFFUM

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